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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my greatest disappointment to see the judgment that was rendered regarding the Microsoft case. It is sad but true that might is right, and the people that have the power to make policy and to right wrongs are avoiding their responsibility. Based on the years of unfair business practices, illegal activity and the fact that Microsoft has repeatedly used its monopoly power to influence and control the software and OS market, anything less than a fine of a few tens of billions of dollars is unacceptable.

The leadership of Microsoft should also be barred from the software or technology industries, the company should be forced to reveal the file formats for its office products. Anything less than this says to people that would break the law both in its letter and spirit, that it is ok to do so, provided that you are big enough. This company has no respect for the rule of law, has been guilty of attempting to lie and mislead the court during part of the video deposition, which was videotaped. The fine leveled against Microsoft should be severe. I would suggest a minimum of about 30 billion dollars, believe me after this judgment, those companies that were thinking of breaking the law will think twice.

If evil is allow to triumph in a democracy, then democracy cannot long last. This has always been true and will always be true. While it may appear that my suggestion is severe, please note that suggestion comes after this company has been tried before and has broken the law before and still continues to break the law. And continues to fight and refuses to yield. The Government should continue to litigate until Microsoft gives in to the demands of the Government and of the people. Then they should be forced to pay the court costs of the Government, this will set a very good example for this country and the world, failing this we would be sending a signal that breaking the law is ok if you big enough.

Sincerely,
Christopher Dehaan